

Date

Mr. Davy Doxey
P.O. Box 150
Cameron, La. 70631

Re: Board Docket No. 2015-1343

Dear Mr. Doxey:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its January 15, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Mr. Darrin Richard's sons from being hired as lifeguards by the Cameron Parish Department of Recreation while Mr. Richard serves as a board member of the Cameron Parish Recreation Department. You provided that Mr. Richard would recuse himself on any matter regarding his sons' employment. Mr. Richard has two sons, Devon and Brayden Richard who would like to be employed by the Cameron Parish Recreation District as lifeguards.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that Section 1119 of the Code would prohibit Darrin Richard's sons from being employed as lifeguards by the Cameron Parish Recreation Department while Darrin Richard serves as a board member of the Department. La. R.S. 42:1119 A provides that no member of the immediate family of an agency head shall be employed in his agency. An agency head is defined by La. R.S. 42:1102(3) to mean the chief executive or administrative officer of an agency or any member of a board or commission who exercises supervision over the agency. Therefore, under the facts provided Darrin Richard's sons would be prohibited from being employed in his agency.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Suzanne Quinlan Mooney
For the Board

cc: Darrin Richard